

Dance Drill Coaches' Association Board Meeting
Wednesday, April 1, 2009, Woodburn High School, 6:30 PM

Present: Cori, Dodi, Karalee, Syndie, Pam, Caysie

Absent: Danielle, Amanda, Jessica, Sherry, Jenny, Shammra

Guest: Robin Gruver, Debbie Bujanski, Mike Wallmark, Pat Keaveny, and Laurel McAfee

Review minutes from March. (no quorum to accept minutes)

Reports:

Treasurer's Report – Dodi

Balance as of 4/1/09
Checking DDCA \$6,567.24
Checking Judges \$6,494.60
Business Savings \$5,158.22
CD # 7073 \$3,282.19
CD # 6918 \$3,842.29

- Reviewed the Scholarship Contribution list, there are six competitions that have not made a contribution to our scholarship fund, these schools will be receiving letters from Dodi reminding them that the scholarship contribution is part of their Sanctioning requirements to host a competition.

Fundraising- Amanda (via e-mail report)

- Amanda and Jessica have been working on some web site packages for vendors; will have ready to send out with conference invites to our vendors.
- DDCA T-shirt- Spring Meeting; All-State T-shirt- in the works

Scholarships – Caysie

- We gave 21 scholarships at \$550 each. 4-dance, 17- academic
- Jessica will give proposal at Spring meeting to raise the cut off on the *academic* scholarship to a GPA of 3.75.

DDCA Awards – Cori

- Jenny and Cori are going to work on a detailed outline of the various awards that we give, often times the coordinator of the awards is nominated and the job gets handed off midway through, causes some confusion.

Judges Affiliation

- No report was given. No proposal submitted.
- Bring completed Competition Hosting Applications and deposit to Spring Meeting.

OSAA State Review – Mike, Robin, Debbie, Pat, Laurel

- **Mike:** Not a lot of feedback, either positive or negative. Discussion about the new format of the event programs, perhaps making the different venue programs available at each of the events. The big news is that we will not be bringing in out of state judges for State next year. The expense is too great; therefore we will be limited to in state and local out of state (Washington, Idaho, California) judges for our event. This may also mean smaller panels of judges as well. We need to be prepared, and we need to realize that given the state of the economy, if this is the only cutbacks we have to make at this level, we will be coming out pretty good. This will be the second year in a row out event does not make money for OSAA, this is significant in that we have always provided monies for a variety of different events. Shrinking teams, absentee teams, and smaller audiences in the face of rising facility cost are all sighted as causes. Next year the OSAA State Championship Committee will begin meeting, this committee will review each and every State event that OSAA conducts. They will make recommendations on each of those events that will then be put into effect for the next four year time block. It was suggested that we should, as an association, be prepared to confirm to this committee what we would like to see for ourselves over that block of time. For instance,

do we need to confirm that they would grant us a waiver if one or more of our divisions fall below the required number for a division? This would, at this time, apply to both the 1A/2A/3A and the Show divisions. Would we be willing to change our events to a one day format to save money on facilities? Have both rounds in one day for each division? Like our locals, still at the big venues, just in a one day format. We need to be prepared to justify our request. There will be more discussion on this issue over the next few months; we may need to form a committee that will generate a formal request to OSAA.

- **Robin:** all went well at the Coliseum. Teams were well behaved, and put on a great show, all four nights. Nothing major reported. In regard to the dressing area: if you do not plan to use your area, make sure you convey that. There was a lot of open space that was reserved for teams that never used it, meanwhile, there were several teams crowded into some of the smaller rooms. Space could have been used more comfortably for all if the proper information had been given. Maybe smaller areas could be designated for teams that show up ready and really just need somewhere to put their stuff.
 1. **Robin** offered to spearhead, a committee that will be formed to look at the issues dance teams are facing and what we could be doing to help. This committee will try to identify what the biggest needs are, and what our priorities as an association should be in regard to growing teams and encouraging participation. We are shrinking, we need to address it, is there some action we need to take? Is there anything we can do at all? When you are in your division breakout sessions you will produce two delegates from your division to be on this committee.
- **Debbie:** Things went really well at the Chiles Center. Biggest issue: no sweeper for Friday's event. Teams were great, positive, and put on a great show.
- **Pat:** biggest issue with tickets is- again, the coaches seating. If you do not plan to use your seats in the coaches section, PLEASE do not ask for them. There is a coaches standing area for you to watch your kids perform; the concern here is that those are good seats that we could be selling, if you don't plan to use them, again, please don't ask for them.
- **Laurel:** All went well from judge's perspective. Kudos to Dodi for bringing us into the digital age. Thumb drives were a success!

Alumni Association- no report

Proposal Chart-no new proposals submitted

Website- Jessica (via e-mail report)

- Bids from Kurt: \$400 to add about 30 videos; \$175 for a public forum, we would need a separate person to monitor site, maybe pay \$25 per month to do so? Need to go to the membership to see if anyone is interested in being the forum "monitor". It is free to have same vendors on every page of web site.

Category Finals- Cori

- December 19th --First Come, First Served
- Update to be given at Spring Meeting.

New Business

Spring meeting topics:

- Goals and Objectives: future-cast, long term goals, team growth, participation
- Division Breakout sessions
- Judging crisis
- Sanctioning
- Jr. High Divisions and Club teams
- OSAA/Economy

Spring Meeting Saturday April 25th 10 AM Woodburn High School

Potluck- Bring your favorite snack to share.

Fall Conference- September 26-27; Hood River Inn Best Western